

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on November 8, 1903, near Corticella, Missouri, Elizabeth M. Bratten soon will celebrate her One Hundred First Birthday; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities that come from growing up with a younger sister, Elizabeth Bratten established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to A.R. Bratten who loved and cherished her with all of his heart for thirty-four years until his death; and

Whereas, the marital union of Elizabeth and A.R. Bratten has been blessed with the love and affection of one child, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Elizabeth Bratten enjoys a life which encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Bratten prepared for her endeavors in life through her attendance at Shorman Country School and Prairie Grove School and her 1922 graduation from California High School; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Bratten developed and maintained an excellent reputation for the time and effort she put into operating a family farm, working at California Manufacturing Company and Reed's Store, and membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, United Methodist Women's Club, and First United Methodist Church, which she served as financial secretary for many years; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Elizabeth Bratten:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundred First Birthday of Elizabeth Bratten and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Elizabeth M. Bratten of California, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Crawford
District No. 117

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker

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